

On May 17, 2022, the Papillion Garden Club members met at Wenninghoff Farms in Omaha and Amy Wenninghoff showed us around the greenhouse. They had a lot of beautiful plants, some unique ones and everything looked very healthy! Amy told us about their farm, greenhouses and answered some questions about plants. Members of the club bought plants, planted them in the pots we brought and had a nice time. Sixteen club members attended this outing. This was a very nice place to buy plants and next year we will have to check it out again! They also sell fresh fruits and vegetables and have a nice store too!

On June 14, 2022, the Papillion Garden Club members visited Trees, Shrubs & More. We walked around the store, outside, and in their greenhouses. Connie Knudsen answered questions that we had about the plants they had and what plants would be best for a certain place in our yards. We had 23 members and 2 visitors attend this outing. It was fun visiting with our garden club members as we walked around about the plants we had in our yard and sharing plant information!

On 7-12-22 the Papillion Garden Club members met at Lorry and Mark Feldhausen's house at 7 pm. We had 29 members and 2 visitors attend this event. We all took a walk around their gardens, which were beautiful! They had so many unique, healthy plants, garden art and no weeds! After our tour we enjoyed snacks and visiting with everyone. It was a beautiful evening and a lovely place to have a meeting!

Sandi Gable, President, opened our meeting. Cathy Bartunek gave out birthday cards to those members that would be having birthdays in July and August. Joyce Stranglen told us about the Papillion Junior Woman's Club garden walk on Saturday, July 16 from 9 am to noon. The walk is a benefit for the Tri-City Food Pantry and Heartland Hope Mission. You can donate canned food or give any monetary donation at any of the homes. One of the houses will have plants and garden treasures to sell for this event. If anyone would like to donate plants contact Joyce.

Sandi let us know of the potluck on August 9 at Bellevue University with the Bellevue and Plattsmouth Garden Clubs. We need to let her know if we will be attending so they can order the right amount of chicken for the event. Each member attending is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. We are also in need of items to put in the raffle. You can drop those off at Sandi's house or arrive early at the event to drop off your donation. The money from the raffle is used to help pay for the chicken. We also need 3 or 4 people to help set up the raffle and sell tickets.

Connie Leversee informed us that she is stepping down from being the leader of the Blue Star Memorial. Connie said she has enjoyed being the leader of this project and we all should be so proud of how it turned out. She is turning manager duties over to Nancy Zaraya and Kathy Cedillo. Nancy thanked Connie for all her leadership and hard work on the project which has resulted in a beautiful memorial garden. Connie wanted us to thank Cory, from the Papillion Home Depot, for donating all the annuals and mulch for the garden this year. She also thanked the City of Papillion for its continued support through the years for the Blue Star Memorial garden and that the Gold Star memorial is now installed and is very nice.

Karla Rupiper let us know that on Thursday mornings at 9 am anyone that was interested could help weed the Butterfly Garden. An aerial view of the butterfly garden will be displayed in the garden soon. There will also soon be video about the garden on the website.

We thanked Joyce Stranglen, Jackie Mach and hospitality committee members for bringing treats in May, June and July. Judy Liberty, treasurer, reported that the club has a \$2,796.60 in the bank. We had 2 visitors that were introduced to everyone.

Sandi told us that on August 6 we will be having a garden walk from 9am to noon. So far two members Cathy Plazek and Dawn Korten, have agreed to share their gardens with us. We would like a couple more members to volunteer or maybe we will go to Bob and Joanne Langabee's house to see their day lilies and roses.

Sandi shared with us an email that she received from Megan Spath, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Megan was reaching out to local gardening groups about a volunteer opportunity she has coming up July 23 from 10am to noon. They are looking for volunteers to help them spruce up their campus at the Veterans Hospital. If interested let Megan know.

Sandi asked if anyone had any gizmos or gadgets that they have that we may love to use. The gadgets that were suggested were: Root Slayer (a shovel with teeth), Hori-hori garden knife, a Bernini metal garden hose, & a kid's rake or shovel. We then put our name tags in for a drawing and two people won a door prize. We thanked Mark & Lorry for sharing their garden with us and hosting our meeting.